



# *City of Ridgecrest* **Police Department**

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**RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police**

## **Press Release**

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** August 17, 2013

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** CVC 2800.2 – Felony Evading in Vehicle, CVC 23152(a) – Driving Under the Influence and PC – 148(a)(1) – Resisting, Obstructing & Delaying a Peace Officer.

**LOCATION:** City of Ridgecrest.

**SUSPECTS:** Vasquez, Anthony – 40 year old Ridgecrest Resident.

### **RESUME OF INCIDENT**

On 08/17/2013, just before midnight, Ofc. Bill Groves was on patrol and observed a blue in color sedan fail to stop at a posted stop sign. Ofc. Groves attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle in the 100 block of S. Warner St., however, the driver failed to yield. The driver, identified as Anthony Vasquez, turned onto W. Ridgecrest Blvd. and then stopped in the middle of the roadway at the intersection of Ridgecrest/Balsam St.

Ofc. Groves began walking up to contact Vasquez at which time Vasquez accelerated and fled northbound on N. Balsam St. Ofc. Groves and Detective Lloyd began pursuing Vasquez through several streets in the City of Ridgecrest. During the pursuit Vasquez crashed into a curb causing both right side tires to explode. Vasquez eventually stopped his vehicle in the 100 block of W. Haloid Ave. He exited the vehicle, took a fighting stance, and challenged officers to fight. The Ridgecrest police Department canine “Laky” was deployed and engaged the resistive Vasquez. After a brief struggle Vasquez was handcuffed and arrested. Investigation revealed Vasquez was under the influence of alcohol. Vasquez was transported to the Kern County Jail – Ridgecrest and booked for the listed charges.

**RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police**  
**PREPARED BY:** Sgt. R. Marrone  
**Thursday, August 22, 2013**